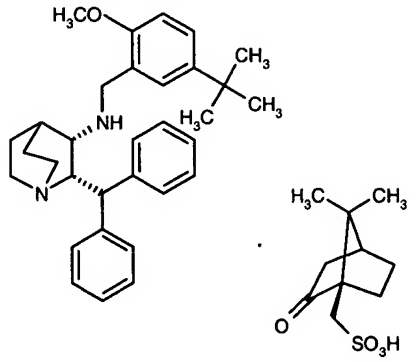
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

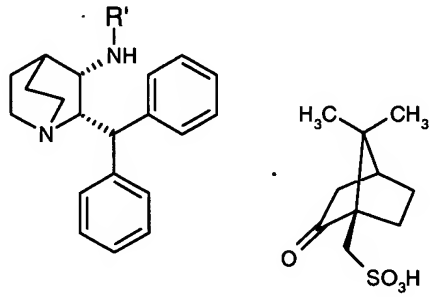
1. (Original) A process for preparing the compound of Formula **Ib**,



Ib

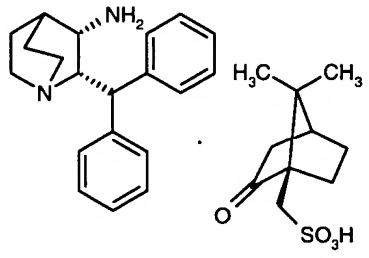
comprising:

(a) deprotecting a compound of Formula **VIa**,



VIa

wherein R' is a protecting group, to provide a compound of Formula **VII**;



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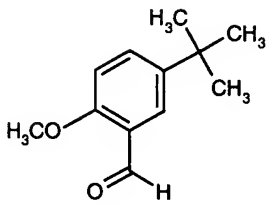
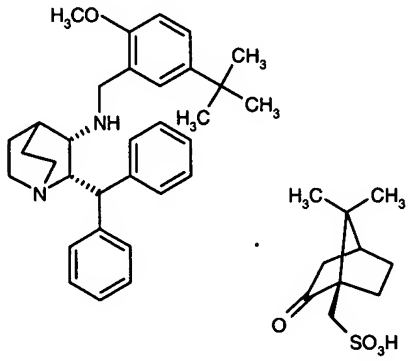
(b) reacting the compound of formula **VII** so formed with a compound of formula **VIII,**



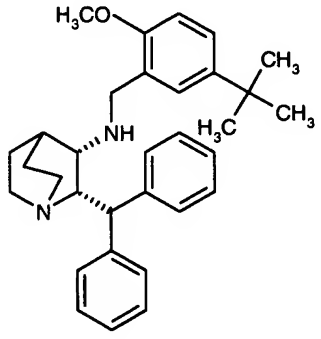
VIII

and performing a reductive amination to provide a compound of Formula **Ib**,



Ib

2. (Currently amended) The process according to ~~Preferred embodiment~~ claim1 further comprising removing the camphorsulfonate salt of the compound of Formula **Ib** to provide a compound of Formula **I**,



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3. (Currently amended) The process according to ~~Preferred embodiment~~ claim 2, wherein the protecting group is benzyl, 4-methoxybenzyl, 2,4-dimethoxybenzyl, or triphenylmethyl.

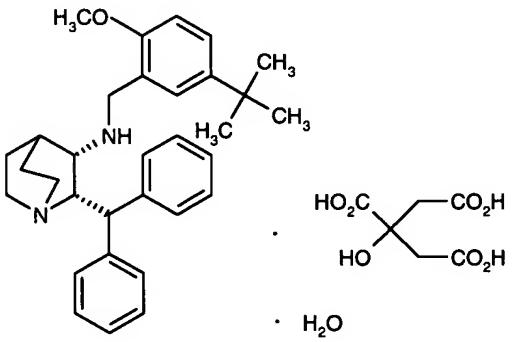
4. (Currently amended) The process according to ~~Preferred embodiment~~ claim 3, wherein the deprotection is performed by catalytic hydrogenolysis with hydrogen.

5. (Currently amended) The process according to ~~Preferred embodiment~~ claim 4, wherein the catalyst is palladium on carbon, platinum on carbon, palladium on calcium carbonate, or palladium on alumina (Al_2O_3).

6. (Currently amended) The process according to ~~Preferred embodiment~~ claim 5, wherein the reductive animation is performed by formation of an imine followed by catalytic hydrogenation.

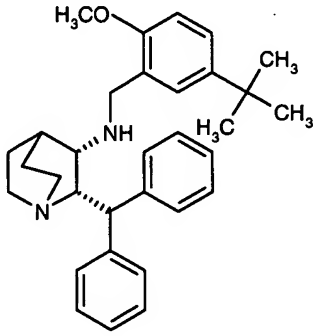
7. (Currently amended) The process according to ~~Preferred embodiment~~ claim 6, wherein the hydrogenation catalyst is palladium on carbon, platinum on carbon, palladium on calcium carbonate, or palladium on alumina (Al_2O_3).

8. (Currently amended) The process according to ~~Preferred embodiment~~ claim 7 further comprising treating the compound of Formula I with citric acid, forming the compound of Formula **Ia**.



Ia -- citrate monohydrate

9. (Original) A process for preparing the compound of Formula **I**,



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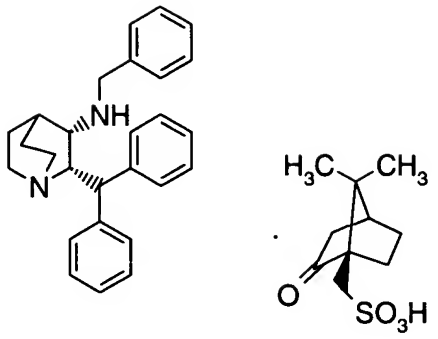
comprising:

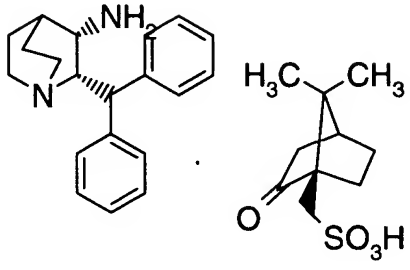
(a) debenzylating a compound of Formula **VIa**



VIa

,

to provide a compound of Formula **VII**;



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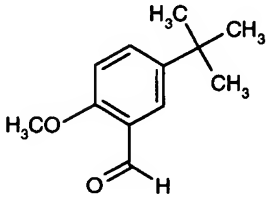
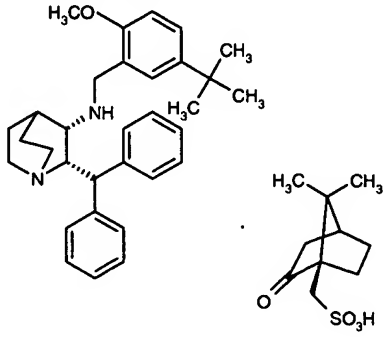
(b) reacting the compound of formula **VII** so formed with a compound of formula **VIII,**



VIII

,

and performing a reductive amination to provide a compound of Formula **Ib**,



Ib

, and

(c) removing the camphorsulfonate salt of the compound of **Ib** to provide the compound of Formula **I**.

10. (Currently amended) The process according to ~~Preferred embodiment~~ claim 9 wherein the debenzylation is performed by catalytic hydrogenation.

11. (Currently amended) The process according to ~~Preferred embodiment~~ claim 10 wherein the catalyst is palladium on carbon, platinum on carbon, palladium on calcium carbonate, or palladium on alumina (Al_2O_3).

12. (Currently amended) The process according to ~~Preferred embodiments~~ claim 9 ~~, 10 or 11~~ further comprising a reductive amination of step (b) that is performed by catalytic hydrogenation.

13. (Currently amended) The process according to ~~Preferred embodiment~~ claim 12, wherein the catalyst is palladium on carbon, platinum on carbon, palladium on calcium carbonate, or palladium on alumina (Al_2O_3).

14. (Currently amended) The process according to ~~Preferred embodiment~~ claim 13 further comprising isolating the compound of Formula **I.**

15. (Currently amended) The process according to ~~Preferred embodiment~~ claim 14 wherein the isolation of the compound of Formula **I** occurs by acid counter ion exchange or basification followed by selective crystallization.

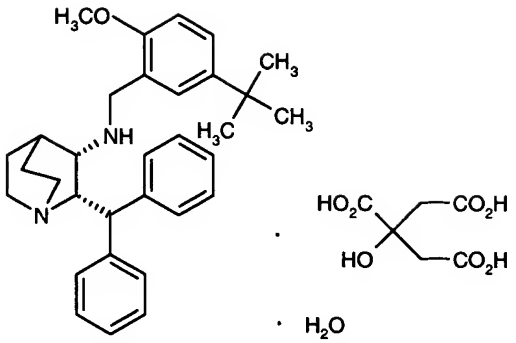
16. (Currently amended) The process according to ~~Preferred embodiment~~ claim 15 wherein the crystallization is accomplished in a solvent selected from water, alcohols, ethers, hydrocarbons or mixtures thereof.

17. (Currently amended) The process according to ~~Preferred embodiment~~ claim 16 wherein the solvent is isopropanol, toluene or water or mixtures thereof.

18. (Currently amended) The process according to ~~Preferred embodiment~~ claim 15 wherein the basification is performed by the addition of an inorganic or organic reagent.

19. (Currently amended) The process according to ~~Preferred embodiment~~ claim 18 wherein the reagent is sodium hydroxide, sodium carbonate or sodium bicarbonate.

20. (Currently amended) The process according to ~~Preferred embodiment~~ claim 9 further comprising treating the compound of Formula I with citric acid, forming the compound of Formula **Ia**



Ia -- citrate monohydrate

21. (Currently amended) The process according to ~~Preferred embodiment~~ claim 20 further comprising the addition of acetone and water.

22. (Currently amended) The process according to ~~Preferred embodiment~~ claim 21 further comprising

(a) filtering the solution; and

(b) adding a filtered ether solvent,

providing a compound of Formula **Ia**.

23. (Currently amended) The process according to ~~Preferred embodiment~~ claim 22 further comprising the additional step (c) of granulating the compound of Formula **Ia**.

24. (Currently amended) The process according to ~~Preferred embodiment~~ claim 22 wherein the ether solvent is tert-butyl methyl ether.

25. (Currently amended) The process according to ~~Preferred embodiment~~ claim 22 further comprising applying heat at an elevated temperature during step (b).

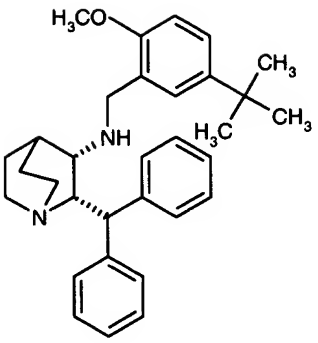
26. (Currently amended) The process according to ~~Preferred embodiment~~ claim 22 further comprising the addition of seed crystals of Compound of Formula **Ia** during or after step (b).

27. (Currently amended) The process according to ~~Preferred embodiment~~ claim 25 wherein the temperature is about 30°C to about 45°C.

28. (Currently amended) The process according to ~~Preferred embodiment~~ claim 23 further comprising granulating the compound of Formula **I** at an elevated temperature.

29. (Currently amended) The process according to ~~Preferred embodiment~~ claim 28 wherein the temperature is about 30°C to about 45°C.

30. (Original) A process for preparing the compound of Formula **I**,



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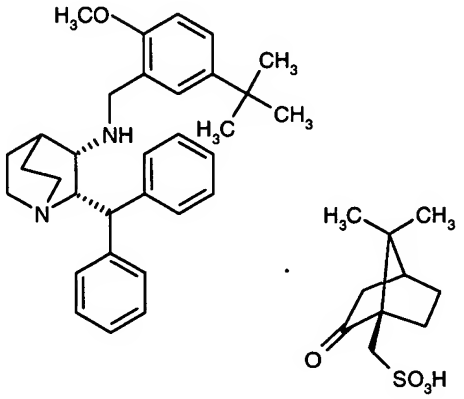
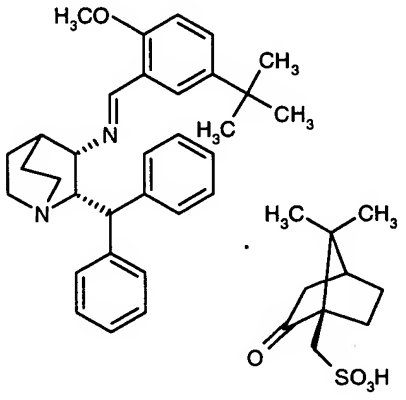
comprising removing the camphorsulfonate salt of a compound of **Ib**,



Ib

to provide the compound of Formula **I**.

31.(Currently amended) The process according to ~~Preferred embodiment~~ claim 30 further comprising reducing a compound of **IXa,**



IXa

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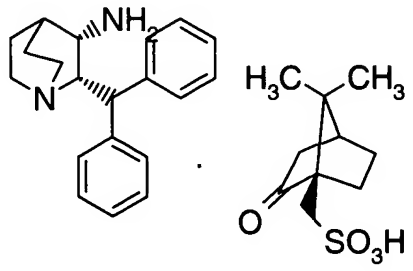
to provide the compound of Formula **Ib** so formed.

32. The process according to ~~Preferred embodiment~~ claim 31 further comprising reacting a compound of Formula **VII**,



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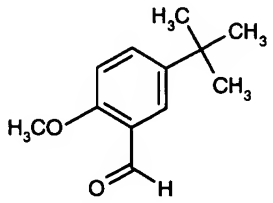
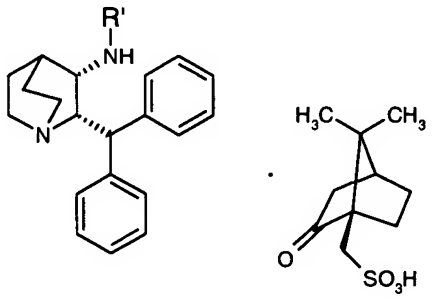
with a compound of Formula **VIII**,



VIII

to provide the compound of formula **IXa** so formed.

33. The process according to ~~Preferred embodiment~~ claim 32 further comprising deprotecting a compound of Formula **VIa,**



VIa

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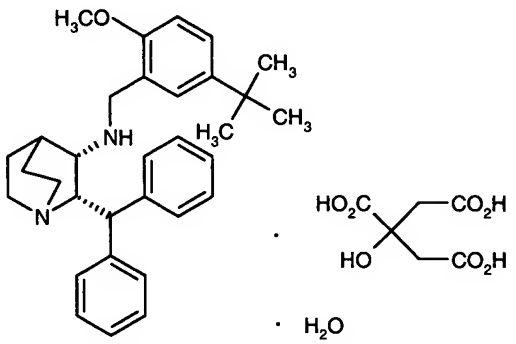
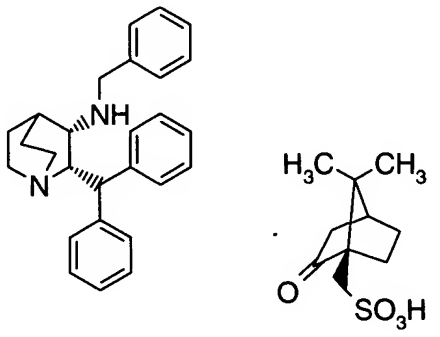
wherein R' is a protecting group selected from benzyl, 4-methoxybenzyl, 2,4-dimethoxybenzyl or triphenylmethyl, to provide the compound of Formula **VII** so formed.

34. (Currently amended) The process according to ~~Preferred embodiments~~ claim 30 ~~, 31, 32 and 33~~ further comprising treating the compound of Formula I with citric acid to form a compound of Formula **Ia,**



Ia -- citrate monohydrate

35. (Original) A compound of the Formula VIa



VIa